

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

by Les Nyuli

### Top ten on lure hit parade

Now that the fishing season is approaching it's peak a good discussion on fishing lures is in order.

Some good friends of mine and I were sharing a few pints of light and hearty and the conversation on fishing lures came up. It is safe to say that these were "the top ten."

First on the list is the Williams Wobbler. It is, as has been, and should continue to be first choice as a trolling lure. It is an excellent lure for lake trout, muskie, pike, walleyes and bass.

The smaller sizes work well on whitefish. To get most out of this lure while trolling be sure to pull your line in advance the direction of your pull and then allow the lure to sink imparting a fast deadly action.

The Rapala hasn't been on the market too long but it certainly has proven itself as a lure that has a rate as "must". Rapalas come in many sizes and are "surefire" on all game fish. The floating-diving model is not too difficult to fish.

To bring out the best action retrieve it slowly in a series of sudden jerks. This causes the Rapala to dive below the surface and slowly return to the surface. With this lure almost any time is action time.

Mepps lures are a long time favourite. They come in many sizes. They are finished in brass and silver with some new finishes making their way onto the market. This lure too is deadly on all fish but size is important.

This lure can be used as is and will perform exceptionally well. It works even better for big trout when one of the hooks is buried into the head of a 2 or 3 inch minnow. Fitted up with pork rind in a similar manner it's "potent medicine" for big pike, pickerel or bass.

The Hula Popper is my one favourite when it comes to bass fishing. The Jitterbug would be it's only competition. It's rubber skirt works in the water even though the lure is at the bottom.

It's deadly on shallow water bass and bass in beds and lily pads. The best way to fish this is to cast it out, let it sink and just twitch it every minute or so. Try it once or twice before you get the lure to sink and if there is still no action, retrieve it slowly and try again.

The Flatfish is an all time great and shows up well when used for walleyes. It comes in floating and sinking models and while this lure is deadly, my only fault with this lure is "too many hooks."

The Bass Oreno isn't thought of too much these days by too many other than "old timers". This is a long time favourite with bass fishermen and it's a floating-diving lure like the Rapala. It works particularly well over hidden weedbeds and with this lure try to match the color with the bait fish of the area.

Daredevil Spoons are just about the most famous lure of the north. In it's many sizes it can, does and will take fish of all species. It's traditional red and white pattern is known by all anglers. It is many times copied but I have found that the best spoon is still made by Lou Eppinger.

It casts like a bullet and can be retrieved in a half dozen different ways. It was agreed that it is effective on all fish and would never be forgotten on any top ten list.

The Plastic Worm is making big strides and while it may not be one of the most popular lures - yet it soon will be. The floating version is proven on bass and pike and the leadhead jig type is deadly on just about every fish.

It's popularity has forced manufacturers to make big ones and small ones that are appropriate to the type of fish being sought by the angler.

The Jig is very similar to fish as is the plastic worm in it's weighted model. It's only action is that imparted by the angler. It was part of the survival kit given to airmen and sailors at sea. It takes any and all fish. Most anglers really don't take advantage of this fabulous lure.

One lure to make ten top ones remains. That is difficult so as I close I leave for your consideration the Pikey Minnow the Pfeu-ger Limper with a host of others.

### Quinn dancers win

Two students from the Betty Quinn School of Dancing won medals in the CNE competition for Irish dancing.

Patricia Quinn, 10, won the solo reel competition and Darlene Thompson, 8, received a medal for her solo jig.

Seven students from the Quinn School competed against 20 other schools in North America.

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